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*In re application of: Jerald C. Seelig at al.
Serial number: 10/664,228
Filed: September 16, 2003
Title: REEL MECHANISM
Attorney docket number: 619.753 ACC.CIP-Reel Shelf*

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1. A Response and Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 CFR §1.321 (c) (2 pages).
2. A Terminal Disclaimer Form (1 page).
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/664,228
Filing Date	9/16/2003
First Named Inventor	Seelig
Examiner Name	Benjamin Layno
Art Unit	3711
Attorney Docket No.	619.753

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	=
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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619.753

In re Application of: Seelig

Application No.: 10/664,228

Filed: 9/16/2003

For: REEL MECHANISM

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Service Company, Inc.

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RESPONSE AND TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 CFR §1.321(c)

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, please see the terminal

20 disclaimer enclosed and consider the accompanying remarks. This response also includes the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.20(d).

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REMARKS

1. Rejection of claims 15-35: Claims 15-35 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21 and 25 of copending Application No. 10/245,625. Since none of the apparent conflicting claims of either 5 application has been allowed, Applicants reserve the right to consider filing a terminal disclaimer at the time that one of the copending applications involves allowed claims.

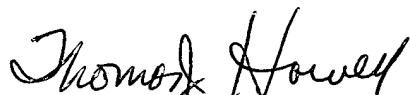
2. Rejection of claims 1-14: Claims 1-14 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 and 19-25 of U.S. 6,644,663. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal of the obviousness-type 10 double patenting rejection in view of the terminal disclaimer (PTO/SB/26) filed with this response.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' Agent, Thomas J. Howell, at (775) 826-6160.

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Respectfully submitted,

20 December 1, 2004



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